

I Believe in Friendship

Friendship is indispensable in our lives. It is especially so for me. Friends are like angels without wings. I believe that my friends are innocent beings who are the least selfish. Being human, it is obviously impossible to have anyone who is not selfish at all, but, I know that my friends are the least selfish creatures in the world because they are always there for me, even when they do not gain anything from helping me, and may even have to sacrifice things of their own like their time and money.

I can tell that they were unselfish from how when I was in desperate need of funds and really lost at that time, my friend readily volunteered to lend me as much as I needed, at her own expense. I think this is what true friendship really means---giving just to help the person you care about, without thinking about what benefits one could gather for oneself.

When I was young, I have never pondered upon the meaning of friendship and have always taken it for granted. Though I did not treat my friends badly, I know that I could have treated them in a better manner. I used to be a rather selfish individual who did not care much about the needs of other people, being happy myself seemed like the only important thing in the world. However, through the many bitter-sweet moments I have went through, I was many a time touched by my friends' actions and since then, I have vowed to be nice to everyone around me.

As I grew up, I began realizing the importance of my friends' presence in my life. They taught me many lessons, many that can not be taught by even my parents, and I learnt a lot from these lessons. For one, my best friend in primary school taught me the importance of speaking up to other people, just like any of my classmates. I was really quiet then, but she changed me. She taught me to take the initiative to talk to other people and I have made many more friends because of that.

Though I may have the luxury of having friends all around me everyday, I believe that I should always pay their kindness forward, such as helping them like they always do for me, giving them gifts on their birthdays to let them know that I was truly blessed to have them as my friend and smiling at them, giving them a pat on their backs whenever they feel discouraged.

Friends are important gifts from God that we have the privilege to have in our lives. They support us; they take away one's loneliness; they are akin to soulmates. Friends are the sunshine to life. They bring me happiness and laugh not at me, but together with me.

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